

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Moshe Finarov

Assignee: Nova Measuring Instruments

Title: APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL INSPECTION OF WAFERS DURING
POLISHING

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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COMMUNICATION

Dear Sir:

The accompanying Continued Prosecution Application, Information Disclosure Statement, and PTO Form 1449 are being filed to permit the Examiner to consider the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement. A Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due documents have been issued in this case having a mailing date of November 23, 1998.

Applicant believes that a formal Petition to Withdraw from Issue under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(a) is not required, however, if that is not the case Applicant requests that this be considered a formal Petition to Withdraw to allow the Examiner to consider the documents in the Information Disclosure Statement and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-2386 for fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) in the amount of \$130.00 or other amount as required.

Should questions arise concerning this application, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted at (408) 453-9200.

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Respectfully submitted,



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